

CLAIMS:

1. A latch assembly including a casing, a latch bolt mounted on the casing for linear movement relative thereto between an extended latching position and a retracted release position, a first actuator operable from an inner side of the assembly and a second actuator being a second key operable lock being the only actuator operable from an outer side of the assembly, the first and second actuators each being operable to retract the latch bolt to the release position, a first key operated lock operable from the inner side of the assembly operating a locking means which in an active condition renders the first actuator inoperable, each of said first and second key operated lock having a cylinder body and a barrel housed within the cylinder body being rotatably movable relative to the cylinder body by an appropriately configured key, the locking means associated with the first key operated lock having drive means being external to the cylinder body and movable in response to movement of the barrel between first and second positions at which positions the locking means is in an active or an inactive condition respectively, and indicator means responsive to the movement of the drive means providing a visual indicator visible from the inner side of the assembly that locking means is in the active condition.
2. A latch assembly according to claim 1, including lock release means which is responsive to operation of the second actuator so as to thereby render the first key operated lock inactive.
3. A latch assembly according to claim 2, wherein the drive means includes a cam member which is rotatable about an axis in response to movement of the barrel, detent means co-operable with the cam member including at least one detent member which moves substantially radially of the cam axis between an actuator locking position and an actuator release position which corresponds to the active and inactive conditions of the locking means respectively.

4. A latch assembly according to any one of claims 1 to 3 wherein the indicator means includes a lock active indicator, the inner side of the assembly being adapted to co-operate with the lock active indicator to indicate the locking means is in the active condition.
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5. A latch assembly according to claim 4, wherein the inner side of the assembly includes a window through which window the lock active indicator is visible when the locking means is in the active condition and not visible when the locking means is in the inactive condition.
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6. A latch assembly according to any one of claims 3 to 5, when dependent upon claim 2, wherein the lock active indicator is located on the cam member.
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7. A latch assembly according to any one of claims 3 to 5, when dependent upon claim 2, wherein the lock active indicator is located on the at least one detent member.
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8. A latch assembly according to any one of claims 3 to 5, when dependent upon claim 2, wherein the indicator means includes a driven member which engages the cam member being rotatable about an axis in response to movement of the cam member, the lock active indicator being associated with the driven member to rotate with the driven member.
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9. A latch assembly according to claim 8, wherein the cam member and driven member include a plurality of projections which interact to provide driving engagement between the cam member and the driven member.
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10. A latch assembly according to claim 9, wherein the indicator means includes biasing means acting on the driven member which urges the cam member towards the second position.

11. A latch assembly substantially as herein before described with reference to the illustrations.